



Sunday, January 31, 2021 ~ 4th Sunday After Epiphany
9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #8

8. JUMP IN. Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See “disruptions” as invitations to share Christ’s love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. (1 John 3: 18)

Ideas for Action: Practice one of the actions listed in this week’s description: Write a note, visit someone who lives alone, and/or share a meal.

Welcome and Work of God’s People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Morning Has Broken

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Manz

Call to Worship

Frantz Constant

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,
God’s holy name be praised.
In the visions of the old and dreaming of the young,
God’s holy name be praised.
In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,
God’s holy name be praised.
Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.
Amen. We praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

Frantz Constant

Prayer of Confession

Frantz Constant

O God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning. Help us to leave yesterday, with its burdens and sins, and not to covet tomorrow but to accept the gift of today. By your love, celebrated in your Word, seen in your Son Jesus, brought near by your Spirit, take from us what we need carry no longer, so that we may be free again to choose to serve you and to be served by each other. Amen.

Silence for personal prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

TBD

I believe that God forgives our sins.

We believe that God forgives us and frees us; so we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls and to loving each other as God first loved us. Amen.

Anthem

God of All Nations

David N. Johnson

Women (in loft) – Soprano: Margaret Munro, Bobbi Vogelsong, Rebecca Castellanos, Janet Wilkie;
Alto: Gwen Wilkie, Alexis Fields, Carol Clarke

Men (on Risers) – Tenor: Fernando Mancillas, Mike Jones, Sam Scheibe (solo); Bass: Frank Mitchell, Stephen Gross
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ; Joel Krott, Director of Music

God of the past, the present, and the future,
God of all men and nations yet to be;
Grant us the faith to brave tomorrow's dangers,
Building today for Thine eternity.

Thou Who of old didst liberate thy people,
And by Thy fire and clouds didst set the free;
Lead us, like them, in peace to know Thy favor;
Keep us, O God, obedient unto Thee.

Purge from our hearts all bitter thoughts of hatred,
Cleanse Thou our minds from every stain of sin;
That we may live in brotherly affection,
Worthy to have Thy Spirit live within.

Thou Who didst form the galaxies of heaven
To show Thy glory to the sons of men;
Be Thou our King, reign over us completely,
Till earth becomes a paradise again. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

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Offertory Music

Morning Has Broken

Gaelic Melody, arr. Fettke

Frank Mitchell, Bass

Joel Krott, Piano

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them spring fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the fish garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born on the one light Eden say play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning.
God's recreation of the new day

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

"Day 5: A Wonderful, Living World"

Scripture Text: [Genesis 1: 20-23 \(NLT\)](#)

²⁰ Then God said, "Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind." ²¹ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² Then God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day.

Music in Preparation for Service

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Callahan

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

The people are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located at the back of the narthex. Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone.

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Special Music (presented by video)

Great Are You Lord

Martin and Christine Bass

Words and music by Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan and David Leonard

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer and Carol Morgan
Ushers:	Steve Connlain, Greg Connlain, Jeff Legath, Dave Barr, Jason Rose
Trustee Greeter:	Adrienne Barr
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Barbara Lewis to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Allen Lewis.

- TODAY: **Blanket Sunday**, a special offering sponsored by our Deacons and [Church World Service](#), is Sunday, January 31. Your contributions enable Church World Service to help families around the world stay warm, recover from disasters and displacement, while helping to rebuild viable, sustainable lives and communities. Visit our Events page to watch a short video. Select the drop down when giving online or mail checks made out to First Presbyterian Church with *Blanket Sunday* noted in the memo line.
- **Annual Meeting** -- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021 at 11:00 am** via Zoom webinar. The purpose of the meeting is to share the Annual Report with members, receive the 2021 church budget, and approve the 2021 pastor's terms of call. Find the webinar info on our eblast, online events page and website. The Annual Report will be available Sunday, Jan. 31.
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- **Guest Preacher Sunday, Feb. 7:** Rev. Luke Maxted. Luke is a fellow at UrbanPromise and a graduate of the London School of Theology. We welcome him to the pulpit next Sunday. Read his bio in *Connections*.
- **The Journey of Lent** begins on Wednesday, Feb. 17 with Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm. Worship will be in the sanctuary *by live stream only*. Earlier that day, we will hold two special **drive-through events** for imposition of ashes at 12 noon and 5:00 pm. Participants will drive safely into the main parking lot and be greeted for prayer and, if desired, the imposition of ashes or oil, on the forehead or the back of the hand. Please wear masks.
- **Lenten Book Study:** During Lent we'll be reading [The Good and Beautiful Community](#) by James Bryan Smith, a professor and Methodist pastor who has a heart for the church and spiritual formation. How do we become more authentic Christ-followers? How do we become a beloved and vital community for others, no matter our differences? Visit the online events page, website and eblast for sign up information. Signs ups begin Friday, Feb. 5; groups begin Sunday, Feb. 21 via Zoom on safely in-person. Contact Kelly LePenske or Alison Mackey for questions at 856.235.1688.